IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

the Application of: Kenichi WATANABE

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

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Sir:

In response to the Requirement for Election of Species dated April 7, 2004, Applicant elects without traverse, to prosecute Species corresponding to Embodiment of Fig. 4. For the purpose of this election, claims 1, 8, 10, 12, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 31, 34 and 37 correspond to the embodiment. Applicant submits that claim 1 is generic. Applicant reserves the right to file a Divisional application to any non-elected claims.

If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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